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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the
4 administration, staff, and students of Wabash Valley College in
5 Mt. Carmel on the occasion of the college's 50th anniversary;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Wabash Valley College is a 2-year, coeducational,
8 public community college that is operated by the Illinois
9 Eastern Community Colleges District 529; the college was
10 founded in 1959, when the Board of Education of District 348
11 approved a resolution for the study of providing a junior
12 college as part of the district's educational system; a
13 referendum that was held on December 10, 1960, which passed by
14 more than a 3-to-1 margin, established a junior college, which
15 was named Wabash Valley College; and

16 WHEREAS, On August 1, 1961, Wabash Valley College was moved
17 from its temporary office at the Little Brick School Building
18 to its first home at Bluff College; in its first semester, the
19 college offered 23 courses and 79 hours of weekly instruction
20 from its 21 part-time instructors and 5 full-time instructors;
21 75 full-time and 73 part-time students were enrolled the first
22 year; and

1 WHEREAS, Wabash Valley College grew steadily throughout
2 the early 1960s; on July 14, 1964, the ground was broken for a
3 new building for the college, which was named Main Hall; in
4 September of 1965, 263 full-time and 525 part-time students met
5 for classes in the college's new facility; on July 1, 1969,
6 Wabash Valley College became a part of Junior College District
7 529, which eventually became Illinois Eastern Community
8 Colleges District 529; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1968, Wabash Valley College achieved candidacy
10 status for North Central accreditation; the college was granted
11 full accreditation status during the 1972-1973 school year; and

12 WHEREAS, In its 50-year history, Wabash Valley College has
13 graduated over 12,000 students and has instructed thousands of
14 non-graduating students; and

15 WHEREAS, Wabash Valley College will celebrate its 50th
16 anniversary beginning on July 31, 2010, with numerous events
17 planned throughout the year; a special "Founders Day" program
18 will be held on December 10, 2010 to celebrate the anniversary
19 of the founding date of the college; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 congratulate the administration, staff, and students of Wabash

1 Valley College on the occasion of the college's 50th
2 anniversary and wish them continued success and happiness in
3 the future; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the Wabash Valley College Board of Trustees as a
6 symbol of our esteem and respect.